Propoſals Humbly Offered

TO

Conſideration, for Collecting the Duties of *Subſidy* and *Aulnage* at the *Mills*.

ALL Broad-Cloaths, Kerſies, Bayes, Sayes, Serges, Perpettianoes, Cottons, Cloth-Raſhes, Flannels, Freezes, Stuffs, and other Woollen Commodities (except *Colcheſter*-Bayes, *Norwich*-Stuffs, and ſome other few Commodities) are brought to the *Fulling-Mills* to be Fulled or Scowred; after which, they are immediately capable of being *Sealed* by the *Aulnager*.

And for thoſe other Commodities, as *Colcheſter*-Bayes, *Norwich*-Stuffs, *&c.* not brought to *Mills*, the Duty to be Paid at the *Halls* of the *Corporations*, or other places, where thoſe Goods uſually have been brought to be Sealed with the Seal of Content.

So that if it be *Provided* for by *Law*, That the *Aulnager* do receive the *Kings Subſidy*, and *Aulnagers Fee*, at the ſaid *Mills*, *Halls*, and *Places*; and have Powers to *Compel* the *Clothier* to the payment of it there; It may be provided by the ſame *Law*, that no *Search* or *Seizure*, be made of the ſaid Commodities, after they come from the *Mills*, *Halls*, and Places aforeſaid.

By which Means, no *Draper*, *Mercer*, *Packer*, *Merchant*, or *Others*, will be lyable to Searches or Seizures; and this Method is hoped, will Anſwer all the Objections againſt the preſent Way, or *Manner* of *Collecting* theſe Duties, which is uſed as the Great *Argument*, for taking away the Ancient Duties upon all Woollen Manufactures, ſave what are Exported; which if Confined to thoſe Exported only, will certainly very much Leſſen Their Majeſties *Right*, and the Intereſt of thoſe Claiming under the Crown: For,

I. *This Way* Anſwers *all the Ends of that* BILL, *by taking away* Searches *and* Seizures, *after the Goods come from the* Mills *or* Halls.

II. *It preſerves the whole Duties, whereas the* BILL *would Deſtroy* Two Thirds, *or* One Half *at leaſt.*

III. *It lays the Duty upon the Perſons, which ought to Pay it,* viz. *The* Clothiers, *as 'twas always Deſigned and Practiced.*

This *Regulation*, the Perſons Intereſted humbly ſubmit to Conſideration; and if the *Wiſdom* of the *Parliament* ſhall think fit to put it into that *Method* of *Management* and Collection, they ſhall be willing to acquieſce therein, and never refuſed any Propoſition for making the *Way* of *Collecting* as *Eaſie* to the People as might be.